

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Ambient stable beverage

A beverage that contains a preservative system that contains 1 to 175 ppm cinnamic acid, 10 to 200 ppm sorbic acid or benzoic acid, and at least one essential oil other than cinnamic acid.

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Minimising the concentration of sorbic and benzoic acid in this way enables one to prepare an ambient-stable beverage whilst avoiding the adverse effects that sorbic and benzoic acid can have on taste.

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